Unemployment due to computerisation

†2966. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether unemployment has been increased in the country due to computerisation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the measures being taken by Government to deal with it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) No, Sir. Computerisation has not increased unemployment but on the other hand has created more job opportunities in the IT software, IT services sector, IT enabled services sector and in the IT departments of end-user organisations. As per NASSCOM's estimates, there are currently 2,25,000 people employed in the IT departments of end-user organisations.

(b) Does not arise.

Facilities in fixed telephones

2967. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking to provaide more facilities in fixed telephones;

(b) whether there is any system to control the private cell phone companies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) The service providers basic as well as cellular are free to offer various facilities to their subscribers within the framework of their licence agreement.

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